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CERTIFICATION

June 17, 2008

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir or Madam:

This is an Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) submitted in compliance with the timing requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3), i.e. prior to a first Office Action on the merits.

Attached are copies of two German patent documents and one Chinese patent document, which were first cited in the attached Chinese Office Action, issued on April 4, 2008, in connection with the corresponding Chinese patent application No. 200580014056.1. Also attached are English-language translations of the German patent documents, from which any relevance of the documents can be gleaned. The documents are listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. Also listed on the Form PTO-1449 is a US patent application publication, which corresponds to the Chinese patent document, and from which any relevance of the document can be gleaned.

It is brought to the Examiner's attention that the JP 2001-193753, which was also cited in the Chinese Office Action, is not being submitted with this IDS since it was previously submitted, together with its English-language abstract and translation, with the IDS filed on September 27, 2006.

It is hereby certified that each item of information contained in the IDS was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this IDS.

Since this IDS is being filed before a first Office Action on the merits, no fee is required, and the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98 are deemed to be fully met as to all listed documents. Consideration of the listed documents is respectfully requested.

Should any fee be required, however, the Director is hereby authorized to charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 18-0002, and is requested to advise us accordingly.

Respectfully submitted,

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